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SUBJECT: CHILEAN DEMARCHE REQUESTS US ASSISTANCE IN UN HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF GOC MEMO-
RANDUM HANDED TO AMBASSADOR JAN 28 BY FOREIGN MINISTER
CARVAJAL. CONVERSATION BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL.

2. QUOTE. MEMORANDUM.

1. BECAUSE OF THE EVENTS WHICH OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 11,
1973 AND BECAUSE OF THE ATTITUDE ASSUMED BY TERRORIST GROUPS,
THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE WAS FORCED TO MAKE USE OF THE EX-
CEPTIONAL MEASURES PROVIDED IN THE POLITICAL CONSTITUTION OF
THE STATE FOR USE IN A SITUATION OF INTERNAL COMMOTION OR
WHEN NATIONAL SECURITY IS GRAVELY ENDANGERED.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE HAS ENDEAVORED TO AMELIORATE
THE EFFECTS OF THESE EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES AS THE COUNTRY
HAS BEEN RETURNING TO NORMALITY. IT WAS THIS PROCESS OF
NORMALIZATION WHICH ALLOWED THE GOVERNMENT TO RESOLVE
SATISFACTORILY THE SITUATION OF THE REFUGEES AND OF THE
ASYLEES IN FOREIGN EMBASSIES, BOTH OF WHICH ACTIONS
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RECEIVED THE RECOGNITION OF THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

3. IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN ITS GOOD WILL IN RESOLVING THE SITUATION OF PERSONS DETAINED UNDER THE STATE OF SIEGZ. TO THIS END, THE GOVERNMENT HAS STATED ITS DESIRE TO RELEASE 300 PERSONS (SIC) FOR DEPARTURE FROM CHILE ONCE A PLACE HAS BEEN FOUND FOR THEM, AND HAS ALSO PROPOSED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO THAT IT RECEIVE 200 OTHERS, AMONG WHOM IS LAURA ALLENDE.

4. IN THE SAME MANNER, THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY RELEASED FIVE IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT, AMONG WHOM ARE FORMER MINISTERS CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA AND JORGE TAPIA.

5. IN SPITE OF THESE AND OTHER ACTIONS, WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT IN THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH WILL MEET IN GENEVA IN FEBRUARY, THE ENEMIES OF CHILE WILL TRY AGAIN TO DIVERT THE DELIBERATIONS OF THIS ORGANIZATION TO TOTALLY POLITICAL TOPICS, WITH THE EVIDENT PURPOSE OF ATTACKING CHILE WITH FALSE DATA.

6. IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION DESCRIBED ABOVE AND KEEPING IN MIND THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP WHICH UNITES OUR PEOPLES, THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO SUPPORT THE DELEGATION OF CHILE TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SO THAT THIS ORGANIZATION MAY NOT BE DIVERTED FROM ITS OBJECTIVES, THEREBY AVOIDING ITS TRANSFORMATION INTO AN INSTRUMENT OF POLITICAL ACTION AGAINST CHILE.

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